

5622. Adulteration of a compounded physician's prescription and tincture of iodine. U. S. * * * v. Joseph F. Arth (Joseph F. Arth & Co.). Plea of guilty. Fine, \$20. (F. & D. No. 7119. I. S. Nos. 8040-h, 8044-h.)

On July 7, 1916, the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the Police Court of the District aforesaid an information against Joseph F. Arth, trading as Joseph F. Arth & Co., Washington, D. C., alleging the sale by said defendant, at the District aforesaid, on April 14, 1914, of an article of drugs compounded from a physician's prescription and of a quantity of "Tinct. Iodine," which were adulterated.

Analyses of samples of the articles by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

The article compounded from the physician's prescription.

4.44 grains phenacetin per powder.

3.86 grains salol per powder.

The tincture of iodine.

Iodin (grams per 100 cc) ----- 4.00

Potassium iodid (grams per 100 cc) ----- 7.98

Adulteration of the article compounded from the physician's prescription was alleged in the information for the reason that its strength and purity fell below the professed standard and quality under which it was sold in that the prescription aforesaid called for 60 grains each of phenacetin and salol in the 12 powders, whereas, in truth and in fact, said 12 powders did not contain 60 grains of phenacetin and 60 grains of salol, but contained 53.28 grains of phenacetin and 46.32 grains of salol.

Adulteration of the Tinct. Iodine was alleged for the reason that it was offered for sale and sold under and by a name recognized in the United States Pharmacopœia, and differed from the standard of quality and purity as determined by the test laid down in the said Pharmacopœia, official at the time of the investigation of the article, in that it contained potassium iodid 7.98 grams, and iodine 4 grams per 100 cubic centimeters, whereas said Pharmacopœia provides that it should contain not less than 5 grams of potassium iodid, and not more than 6.86 grams of iodine, per 100 cubic centimeters, and the standard of strength, quality, and purity of the article was not declared on the container thereof.

On July 17, 1916, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$20.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*